

Hosea 14:2-10 Return, O Israel, to the ETERNAL your Gd, For you have fallen because of your sin. Take words with you and return to GD. Say: "Forgive all guilt and accept what is good; instead of bulls we will pay [the offering of] our lips. Assyria shall not save us, No more will we ride on steeds; nor ever again will we call our handiwork our Gd, since in You alone orphans find pity!" I will heal their affliction, generously will I take them back in love; for My anger has turned away from them. I will be to Israel like dew; He shall blossom like the lily, He shall strike root like a Lebanon tree. His boughs shall spread out far, His beauty shall be like the olive tree's, His fragrance like that of Lebanon. They who sit in his shade shall be revived: They shall bring to life new grain, They shall blossom like the vine; His scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim [shall say]: "What more have I to do with idols? When I respond and look to [Gd], I become like a verdant cypress." Your fruit is provided by Me. The wise will consider these words, The prudent will take note of them. For the paths of Gd are smooth; The righteous can walk on them, While sinners stumble on them.

Yoel 2:15-22 Blow a horn in Zion, Solemnize a fast, Proclaim an assembly! Gather the people, Bid the congregation purify themselves. Bring together the old, Gather the babes And the sucklings at the breast; Let the bridegroom come out of his chamber, The bride from her canopied couch. Between the portico and the altar, Let the priests, Gd's ministers, weep And say: "Oh, spare Your people, ETERNAL One! Let not Your possession become a mockery, To be taunted by nations! Let not the peoples say, 'Where is their Gd?'" Then Gd was roused In behalf of this land And had compassion Upon this people. In response to this covenanted people Gd declared: "I will grant you the new grain, The new wine, and the new oil, And you shall have them in abundance. Nevermore will I let you be A mockery among the nations. I will drive the northerner far from you, I will thrust it into a parched and desolate land—Its van to the Eastern Sea And its rear to the Western Sea; And the stench of it shall go up, And the foul smell rise." For [Gd] shall work great deeds. Fear not, O soil, rejoice and be glad; For Gd has wrought great deeds. Fear not, O beasts of the field, For the pastures in the wilderness Are clothed with grass. The trees have borne their fruit; Fig tree and vine Have yielded their strength.

Yoel 2:23-27 O children of Zion, be glad, Rejoice in the ETERNAL your Gd. For you have been given the early rain out of kindness, Now the rain is made to fall [as] formerly—The early rain and the late—And threshing floors shall be piled with grain, And vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. “I will repay you for the years Consumed by swarms and hoppers, By grubs and locusts, The great army I let loose against you. And you shall eat your fill And praise the name of the ETERNAL your Gd Who dealt so wondrously with you—My people shall be shamed no more. And you shall know That I am in the midst of Israel: That I the ETERNAL One am your Gd And there is no other. And My people shall be shamed no more.”

Micah 7:18-20 Who is a Gd like You, Forgiving iniquity And remitting transgression—Not staying angry forever Toward the remnant of Your own people, Because You love graciousness! [Gd] will take us back in love, Quashing our iniquities. You will hurl all our sins Into the depths of the sea. You will keep faith with Jacob, Loyalty to Abraham, As You promised on oath to our fathers In days gone by.

Mishneh Torah-Teshuva 2:2 What constitutes Teshuvah? That a sinner should abandon his sins and remove them from his thoughts, resolving in his heart, never to commit them again as [Isaiah 55:7] states "May the wicked abandon his ways...." Similarly, he must regret the past as [Jeremiah 31:18] states: "After I returned, I regretted." [He must reach the level where] He who knows the hidden will testify concerning him that he will never return to this sin again as [Hoshea 14:4] states: "We will no longer say to the work of our hands: `You are our Gds.'" He must verbally confess and state these matters which he resolved in his heart.

Unetaneh Tokef 1-3 We lend power to the holiness of this day. For it is tremendous and awe filled, and on it your kingship will be exalted, your throne will be established in loving-kindness, and you will sit on that throne in truth. It is true that you are the one who judges, and reproves, who knows all, and bears witness, who inscribes, and seals, who reckons and enumerates. You remember all that is forgotten. You open the book of records, and from it, all shall be read. In it lies each person's insignia. And with a great shofar it is sounded, and a thin silent voice shall be heard. And the angels shall be alarmed, and dread and fear shall seize them as they proclaim: behold! the Day of Judgment on which the hosts of heaven shall be judged, for they too shall not be judged blameless by you, and all creatures shall parade before you as a herd of sheep. As a shepherd herds his flock, directing his sheep to pass under his staff, so you shall pass, count, and record the souls of all living, and decree a limit to each persons days, and inscribe their final judgment.

Unetaneh Tokef 4-6 On Rosh Hashanah it is inscribed, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed - how many shall pass away and how many shall be born, who shall live and who shall die, who in good time, and who by an untimely death, who by water and who by fire, who by sword and who by wild beast, who by famine and who by thirst, who by earthquake and who by plague, who by strangulation and who by lapidation, who shall have rest and who wander, who shall be at peace and who pursued, who shall be serene and who tormented, who shall become impoverished and who wealthy, who shall be debased, and who exalted. But repentance, prayer and righteousness avert the severity of the decree.

For your praise is just as your name. You are slow to anger and quick to be appeased. For you do not desire the death of the condemned, rather, that they turn from their path and live and you wait for them until the day of their death, and if they repent, you receive them immediately. (It is true -) [For] you are their Creator and You understand their inclination, for they are but flesh and blood.

We come from dust, and return to dust. We labour by our lives for bread, we are like broken shards, like dry grass, and like a withered flower; like a passing shadow and a vanishing cloud, like a breeze that passes, like dust that scatters, like a fleeting dream. But You are the king who lives eternal.